

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0021 of the application with the amended paragraph below.

[0021] A sealing member may be provided in a lumen of the plug member for sealing the lumen, and consequently the bleed back port, from fluid flow therethrough. The sealing member may be an expandable material that expands when exposed to fluid. Alternatively, the sealing member may be a generally annular-shaped element that may be disposed adjacent a wide end of a tapered portion of the lumen. The annular-shaped element may be moved or otherwise wedged into the tapered portion for substantially sealing the lumen.

Please replace paragraph 0049 of the application with the amended paragraph below.

[0049] In alternative embodiments, an expandable member (not shown) may be provided on or adjacent the distal tip 46 of the obturator 16, in addition to or instead of the bleed back port and lumen 48, 50. The expandable member may be expandable, e.g., when the distal tip is disposed within a body lumen, for providing tactile feedback of a location of the distal end of the plug member with respect to the body lumen. The expandable member may be a balloon, one or more expandable wings, such as those disclosed in application Ser. No. 09/732,835, filed Dec. 7, 2000, or a helical tether device, such as that disclosed in application Ser. No. 10/006,400, entitled "Apparatus and Methods for Providing Tactile Feedback to Position a Closure Device," filed Nov. 30, 2001 ~~on the same day as the present application (attorney docket no. 260/100)~~. The disclosures of these applications and any other references cited therein are expressly incorporated herein by reference. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: